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SUBJ: IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER OUTLINES FOREIGN POLICY

SUMMARY: IN WIDE- RANGING, THOUGHTFUL, MAJOR
SPEECH PRESENTING GOI ESTIMATES FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DAIL MAY 9, FONMIN
FITZGERALD OUTLINED FOREIGN POLICY OF NEW COALITION
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GOVERNMENT. HE INDICATED IRELAND WOULD BE SEEKING MORE ASSERTIVE ROLE IN EUROPEAN AND WORLD FORA AND ACTIVITIES. SPEECH DEVOTED MUCH MORE EMPHASIS TO RELATIONS WITH US THAN HAS BEEN GIVEN BY FITZGERALD'S RECENT FIANNA FAIL PRECESSORS AND STATED THAT GOI WOULD STRIVE FOR IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING IN RELATIONS WITH U. S. (SEE SEPTTEL). OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN O' KENNEDY MADE SUPERFICIAL CARPING REPLY, BUT AGREED WITH MANY POINTS. END SUMMARY.

1. FITZGERALD SAID REEXAMINATION AND REFORMULATION OF IRISH FOREIGN POLICY GUIDELINES WERE ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF MOVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOWARD GREATER INTERDEPENDENCE IN ECONOMIC SPHERE, EVOLVING SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND WHICH PROFOUNDLY ALTERS IRELAND'S RELATIONS WITH UK, AND IRISH ACCESSION TO EC. HE OUTLINED AND DEVELOPED BASIC OBJECTIVES OF IRISH FOREIGN POLICY AS FOLLOWS:

A. MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE AND REDUCE TENSION:
NOTING THAT THIS OBJECTION WAS BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL, FITZGERALD SAID IRELAND COULD AND SHOULD PLAY MORE IMAGINATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE TOWARD ENCOURAGING DETENTE WITHIN LIMITATIONS ITS SIZE AND RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW ITS NON INVOLVEMENT IN MILITARY ALLIANCES. HE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO RELATIONS WITH NATO AND U. S., WHICH WILL BE COVERED SEPTTEL. HE SAID CLOSER CONTACT WITH SOVIETS, BLOC, CHINA, JAPAN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICAN AND OTHER AREAS WOULD BE PROMOTED, AND INDICATED GOI WOULD TAKE GREATER INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

B. RESOLVE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEMS AND PURSUE RELATIONS WITH UK.
FITZGERALD LISTED THIS AS SECOND BASIC OBJECTIVE OF GOI FOREIGN POLICY BUT GAVE IT LITTLE ATTENTION IN FULL VIEW DEBATE OF MAY 8 (DUBLIN 0606). HE SAID IRISH RELATIONS WITH UK HAD CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH EC ENLARGEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION OF BRITISH POLICY TOWARD NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM. HE NOTED NEW " OPENNES" IN BRITISH THINKING, WILLINGNESS TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAPPROACHEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, AND RECOGNITION THAT BRITAIN'S BEST INTEREST LIES IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO " IRISH QUESTIONS". HE RETITERATED GOI SUPPORT FOR AIMS OF BRITISH WHITE PAPER.

C. CONTRIBUTE TO EC DEVELOPMENT ALONG LINES COMPATIBLE WITH IRISH ASPIRATIONS AND CREATE STABLE, DEMOCRATIC AND HEALTHY

SOCIETY WITHIN COMMUNITY:
FITZGERALD SAID IRELAND SHOULD IN ITS OWN INTEREST PURSUE ACTIVE
AND COHERENT ROLE IN EVOLUTION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND
LISTED FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

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1) IN LONG TERM, EC EVOLUTION TOWARD MORE DEMOCRATIC
SUPERNATIONAL STRUCTURE THROUGH STRENGTHENING
POWERS OF EUOPREAN PARLIAMENT AND POSSIBLY EVENTUAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALIFIED MAJORITY VOTING SYSTEMS.

2) IN SHORT TERM, DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

3) INCREASED POWERS FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,
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INCLUDING " SECOND READING PROCEDURE" FOR MAJOR
LEGISLATION, PARLIAMENTARY ASSENT TO COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP AND GREATER BUDGETARY CONTROL.

4) MAINTENANCE OF COMMON AGRICUTLRUAL POLICY AND
RESISTANCE TO ANY ADJUSTMENTS WHICH WOULD
UNDERMINE ITS VALUE TO IRISH FARMERS.

5) STRONG PRESSURE FOR REGIONAL AND SOCIAL POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND LINKAGE BETWEEN THSE
POLICIES AND EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION.

6) FURTHER ENGLARGEMENT OF EC.

7) FORMATION OF IRISH EC PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

D. SECURE IRISH ECONOMIC INTEREST ABROAD, ESPECIALLY IN EC:
NOTING THAT CAP WAS IRELAND' S MAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST IN
JOINING EC, FITZGERALD SAID GOI WOULD BE CONCERNED TO ENSURE
MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT COMMUNITY PRICING POLICY RE AGRICUTLRUAL
PRODUCE, PARTICULARLY MAINTENANCE OF UNIFIED MARKET COUPLED WITH
COMMUNITY PREFERENCE. POLICY SHOULD BE BALANCED BY INVENTIVES TO
SMALLER WEAKER ELEMENTS SUCH AS HILL FARMERS. REGIONAL,
SOCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY SHOULD BE COORDINATED
ALONG WITH MOVEMENT TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY
UNION. FITZGERALD SAID " WITHOUT BEING TOO
RIGID, OUR GENERAL INTEREST WOULD BE TO ENSURE
THAT IN THE FORTHCOMING ATT MTN NO CONCESSIONS
ARE MADE BY COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY RE AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCE, WHICH WOULD HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON
ANY AREA OF IRISH ECONOMY." FITZGERALD SAID EFFORTS
TO DIVERSITY EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY TO EC, WOULD
CONTINUE ALONG WITH EXPANSION TO MARKETS IN US,
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, EASTERN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST.

E. PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AID TO THIRD WORLD:
FITZGERALD SAID TRADE, RESOURCES INTEREST,
DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL HARMONY, AND HUMANITY
REQUIRED SIGNIFICANT GREATER IRISH INTEREST AND
MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THIRD WORLD. HE SAID
IRELAND GENERALLY SUPPORTED OUTWARD- LOOKING,
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PROGRESSIVE AND NON- DISCRIMINATING EC ATTITUDE
TOWARD TRADE MATTERS, PREFERENCE, ETC. RE LDC' S.

FITZGERALD SAID PROPOSAL FOR CENTRAL ORGANIZATION TO SPONSOR IRISH PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S WAS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. FITZGERALD CONCLUDED THAT NEW OBLIGATIONS AND PROBLEMS POSED BY EC MEMBERSHIP, AS WELL AS MORE EFFECTIVE IRISH PRESENCE AND POLICIES ABROAD REQUIRED INCREASED STAFF. SPECIFICALLY HE SAID GOI WOULD ASSIGN SENIOR LEVEL INFORMATION OFFICERS TO MISSIONS IN US, BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY AND ITALY.

3. IN LACKLUSTER REPLY, OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN MICHAEL O' KENNEDY SAID HE AGREED WITH BASIC TENOR OF FITZGERALD POLICY BUT CAUTIONED THAT IRELAND WAS NOT A WORLD POWER. HE ASKED HOW COALITION WOULD PURSUE EFFECTIVE POLICY RE EC WHEN ONE PARTNER, LABOUR PARTY HAD CAMPAIGNED AGAINST IT; OTHER CRITICISMS APPEARED CARPING AND IRRELEVANT.

4. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY IRISH MEDIA, AS WHAT SHOULD BE EXPECTED OF DYNAMIC, THOROUGH, INNOVATIVE NEW FONMIN. BELIEVE IT AUGURS WELL FOR MORE ACTIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE IRISH ROLE IN EC AND WORLD RELATIONS. SORENSON

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